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OLIGONUCLEOTIDES IN SINGLE
ARRAY FEATURES

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RESPONSE

Commissioner For Patents
P O Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the requirement for restriction in the above-identified application mailed December 7, 2004 the applicants respond with this document.

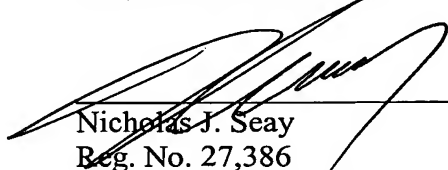
In response to the requirement for restriction, the applicants elect Group I, with traverse. It is believed the subject matter of the claims of all the groups of this application will inevitably involve a search of the subject matter of all the other claims and hence the convenience of the Office and the applicants would be best served by considering all the subject matter in a single application.

It should be noted that the Examiner has stated that the invention of Claims 1-5 is a product and has classified Claims 6-11 as a process of use. It is believed this characterization is incorrect. Claims 6-11 are the process of making the product of Claim 1. Claim 12, which the Examiner characterizes as a separate group, is a method of use for the product of Group I.

Wherefore examination on the merits of this application is respectfully requested.

A separate petition for extension of time is submitted herewith so that this response will be considered as timely filed. Please charge the extension fee to Deposit Account No. 17-0055.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicholas J. Seay', is written over a horizontal line.

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